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1) The amendment filed 12/30/2002 proposes amendments to claims 26, 33, 36, 38, 39, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 84, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 104, 106, 107, and 109. The amendment filed 12/30/2002 also proposes the adding of claims 110-255. All of these proposed amendments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. Namely, all of these claims are "new" claims with respect to the original patent and therefor all of these claims should be underlined. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

2) The reissue declaration filed with the current reissue application appears to be a copy of the declaration that was filed in the parent reissue application. If this is true, then the reissue declaration is defective. Namely, a reissue declaration must identify the "errors" that are being corrected by the instant reissue application. The "errors" cited in the instant declaration are errors which should have already been corrected in the parent reissue application from which it originated. Being such, a new reissue declaration is needed, and will be required, which identifies the "new" errors that are being corrected via the current reissue application.

3) A clean copy of the specification in double column format that incorporates the changes made via the certificate of correction of the patent is hereby requested. The changes are part of the original patent and therefor should not include underlining or bracketing.

4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E HARVEY whose telephone number is (703) 305-4365. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached at (703) 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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